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SUBJECT: TURKISH STATEMENT ON GREECE-NATO
AT APRIL 25 DPC

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SUMMARY: AT APRIL 25 DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE
(DPC) MEETING, TURKISH PERMREP ATTACKED ON POLITICAL AND PRO-
CEDURAL GROUNDS THOSE PORTIONS OF JANUARY 27 GREEK REPLY TO
NATO ON GREECE-NATO RELATIONS THAT TURKEY CONSIDERS TO BE DIR-
ECTED AT ANKARA, INSISTED THAT NATO REFUSE TO CONSIDER
THESE PARTICULAR ASPECTS OF THE GREEK PAPER, BUT
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INDICATED THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GREECE
AND NATO COULD CONTINUE ON THE BASIS OF THE
ORIGINAL TERMS OF REFERENCE OF NOVEMBER 1975.
THE TURKISH PERMREP ALSO INSISTED THAT SYG LUNS
INFORM NATO SUBORDINATE BODIES THAT THEY CAN
CONSIDER ONLY TEHCNICLA ASPECTS OF THE GREEK
REPLY, AND LUNS UNDERTOOK TO DO SO.
WE WILL FORWARD A MISSION TRANSLATION OF
THE TURKISH STATEMENT BY SEPTEL AND POUCH ORIGINAL TEXT IN FRENCH.
ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD WELCOME ANY SUPPLEMENTARY

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GUIDANCE WASHINGTON MAY HAVE PRIOR TO THE MAY 5
MEETING OF THE AD HOC GROUP IN LIGHT OF THE
TURKISH STATEMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. IN SOMETIMES ANGRY COMMENTS MORE REMARKABLE FOR
FRUSTRATION AND BITTERNESS THAN
FOR SUBSTANCE, TURKISH
PERMREP KIRCA READ A 21 PAGE TURKISH STATEMENT
ON GREECE-NATO NEGOTIATIONS TO THE APRIL 25 MEET-
ING OF THE DPC. WITH REFERENCE TO THE JANUARY 27
GREEK RESPONSE TO NATO ON GREECE-NATO RELATIONS
(REF C), KIRCA, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM CON-
SULTATIONS IN ANKARA, DEMANDED THAT THE DPC RE-
FUSE TO CONSIDER WHAT TURKEY BELIEVES
ARE CONTENTIOUS PARAGRAPHS IN THE GREEK
RESPONSE AND INSISTED THAT BODIES SUBORDINATE TO
THE DPC AND THE COUNCIL BE INSTRUCTED THAT THESE
PARAGRAPHS ARE "UNACCEPTABLE."

2. KIRCA PARTICULARLY REFERRED TO PARAGRAPHA 1A,
1B, AND 1C OF THE JANUARY 27 REPLY DEALING WITH
THE BROAD POLITICAL FRAMEWORK OF GREECE'S RELA-
TIONSHIP TO THE ALLIANCE AND INDIRECTLY POINTING
TO TURKEY AS A GREATER THREAT TO GREECE THAN IS
THE WARSAW PACT. KIRCA ALSO NOTED SPECIFICALLY
PARAGRAPHS 3AIII AND 3AIV IN WHICH GREECE STATES
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THAT ITS FORCES HAVE HAD TO BE DEPLOYED DEFEN-
SIVELY AGAINST TURKEY RATHER THAN THE WARSAW PACT.

3. KIRCA OUTLINED THE REASONS WHY TURKEY BELIEVES
THESE PASSAGES MAKE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN
GREECE AND NATO POLITICALLY AND PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE. IN HIS
STATEMENT, AND IN THE DISCUSSION WHICH FOLLOWED, KIRCA ALSO
CALLED ON THE DPC TO REITERATE ITS FIRST TERMS OF REFERENCE
ON GREECE-NATO RELATIONS IN PO/75/127 TO THE EFFECT
THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE
TO PERMIT AS GREAT A CONTINUING PARTICIPATION BY
GREECE AS POSSIBLE IN THE ALLIANCE BUT ON THE CON-
DITION THAT THE AGREEMENTS REACHED ARE WORKABLE
AND CONSISTENT WITH THE AIMS AND PRINCIPLES
OF THE ALLIANCE. (REF D). KIRCA ASKED LUNS
TO INSTRUCT THE SUBORDINATE BODIES OF THE DPC
AND THE COUNCIL NOT TO ADDRESS THOSE PORTIONS OF THE
JANUARY 27 GREEK REPLY WHICH TURKEY FOUND THE MOST
OBJECTIONABLE.

4. LUNS RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD "RULE" THAT THE
POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THE GREEK-
TURKISH DISPUTE WOULD BE HANDLED AT THE DPC/
COUNCIL LEVEL AND THAT HE WOULD INSTRUCT SUB-

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ORDINATE BODIES TO DEAL ONLY WITH THE TECH-
NICAL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM. HE ALSO NOTED

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THAT HE WOULD SPEAK WITH THE GREEK PERMREP
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE DPC. POINTING OUT THAT
THE GREEK REPLY REQUESTS NATO TO RATIFY A DEFENSE
CONCEPT WHICH IS MORE OR LESS DIRECTED AGAINST
TURKEY, KIRCA REITERATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT DE-
MANDS A REACTION FROM THE DPC. HE SUGGESTED
THAT THERE ARE MEMBERS OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT
WHO DID NOT WANT TO SEE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GREECE
AND NATO ON THE BASIS OF THE JANUARY 27 REPLY, BUT
KIRCA STATED THAT TURKEY IS NOT ASKING THAT
THE REPLY ACTUALLY BE RETURNED TO GREECE. ALL IT
DEMANDS IS AN ANSWER FROM THE DPC. LUNS AGAIN STATED
THAT THE DPC APPEARED IN AGREEMENT THAT THE POLITICAL MATTERS
OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO TURKEY ARE NOT THE SORT
WHICH CAN BE DEALT WITH AT SUBORDINATE LEVELS.

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5. CATALANO (ITALY-DEAN), KILLICK (UK) AND
CHARGE, UPON COMPLETION OF TURKISH
STATEMENT, COMMENDED THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT ON
THE PATIENCE IT HAS LONG SHOWN WITH REGARD TO THE
GREECE-NATO NEGOTIATIONS. CHARGE, CONSONANT WITH GENERAL
GUIDANCE IN STATE 081275, NOTED THAT

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TURKISH PATIENCE HAD SERVED IN LARGE MEASURE TO
BRING US AS FAR AS WE HAD COME IN THE AD HOC
GROUP, THAT WE MUST ATTEMPT TO SOLVE PRACTICAL
PROBLEMS, AND THAT THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS AT
THE PRESENT TIME THAT ANY ALLY HAS ACCEPTED ANY
PARTICULAR STATEMENT IN THE GREEK REPLY. HE OB-
SERVED THAT A SENSIBLE APPROACH TO MOVING THE
NEGOTIATIONS FORWARD WOULD BE TO WORK WITH THOSE
ASPECTS OF THE GREEK REPLY WHICH FIND FAVOR WITH
THE ALLIES.

6. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT TURKEY WILL PERMIT "TECHNICAL" TOPICS
SURROUNDING GREEK RELATIONS WITH NATO TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE
AD HOC GROUP AND AT A MILITARY-TECHNICAL LEVEL, WHILE THE BROADER
POLITICAL QUESTIONS UPON WHICH GREECE HAS TOUCHED ARE TO REMAIN
AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL. HOWEVER, THE EXACT EXTENT OF DISCUSSIONS
TURKEY WILL PERMIT IN THE AD HOC GROUP IS AS YET UNCLEAR. THE
FIRST MEETING OF THE AD HOC GROUP SINCE THE JANUARY 27 GREEK
REPLY IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 5. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH DSYG
PANSA
IN PREPARATION, WILL CONSULT WITH LIKE-MINDED ALLIES AND WOULD
WELCOME ANY FURTHER GUIDANCE WASHINGTON MAY CARE TO PROVIDE
IN LIGHT OF THE APRIL 25 TURKISH STATEMENT.STREATOR

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